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Fort Benton, MT---The Bureau of Land Management would like to invite you to a National Public Lands Day celebration/activity at the Wood Bottom/Decision Point site (just south of Loma) on Saturday, September 24, 2005.

National Public Lands Day (NPLD) has grown into a great opportunity for members of the public to volunteer a few hours of time to various projects to benefit the public lands that provide a "back yard" for so many of us.

The NPLD activities at Wood Bottom will start around 9:00 a.m. and participants should meet at the Wood Bottom boat ramp. The task for the day will be to remove a variety of old wire and fence posts to enhance recreational opportunities. The BLM will provide lunch and t-shirts to everyone participating, so please RSVP to Mark Schaefer at 406-622-4015 if you plan to attend. Mark is a BLM park ranger in Fort Benton who will be coordinating these activities.

"It should be a great day with a little light work mixed with friends, a lunch and a chance to make a positive difference in our public lands," according to Schaefer. So, bring a few hand tools, your gloves and enthusiasm to Wood Bottom on Saturday September 24, for this worthwhile activity. "We should finish by 2:00 so it will not be a long day for any of the volunteers," Mark added.

This year's NPLD activities at Wood Bottom will be part of the largest volunteer restoration effort ever on America's public lands. It will be one of 650 NPLD activities across the west.

This is the seventh consecutive year that Toyota Motor Sales, USA has sponsored NPLD events as a means helping those of us who hunt, fish, boat, hike, bike, climb, swim, explore, picnic or just relax on our public lands give a little back.

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